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Examiner's remarks concerning allowability of claim 15 are noted. New claim 16 is drafted to recite all limitations of claim 15 (as filed), e) of claim 14 as filed, and all of claim 1 as filed, should therefore be allowable. (The capability for storing non-selected rings (i.e. connections), is a novel element, is noted.)

Claim 1 amended to recite that capability (i.e. novel element) in added sub-paragraph e), in the following language:

e) and means whereby one or more of the connections may be relatively shiftably detached from said operative connection between the mover and one or more of the cords.

According, claim 1 should be allowable for reasons the same as, or similar to, the reasons supporting allowability of new claim 16, as referred to above, no cited art teaching or suggesting the totality of claim 1, including sub-paragraph e) thereof. Thus, Hell, Gill, Hirsch, Hall, and other art lack suggestion of the claim 1 sub-paragraph e) defined means as well as in the totality of claim 1.

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Hirsch Fig. 1 merely shows a disconnected pulley, latch 72, snap 60, and U-bolt 42. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1-17 is believed in order, and justified.

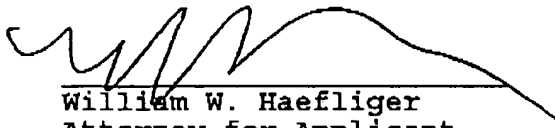
New claim 17 is dependent on claim 1 and recites

- x<sub>1</sub>) first means associated with the mover to receive a selected connection or connections,
- x<sub>2</sub>) second means for shiftably receiving a non-selected connection or connections, apart from the mover.

No such e) means incorporating x<sub>1</sub>) and x<sub>2</sub>) first and second means are suggested by the cited art, and no cited art exhibits any motivation to combine references to arrive at the totality of claim 17, or any of claims 1-16. Each reference appears satisfied with its own apparatus as described.

Allowance is believed justified, and is respectfully urged.

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